UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Present harvest.

35. **RAJYASEVANIRATA K. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the condition of the present seasons harvest is reported to be normal or satisfactory; and

(*b*) if it is not either, what are the taluks affected adversely?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Condition was normal in all the taluks of Kottayam Division and in the taluks of Kalkulam, Vilavancode and portions of Neyyattinkara. It was satisfactory in the taluks of Shencottah, Karthikapalli, Pathanamthitta, Ambalapuzha, Pathanapuram, Mavelikara and Kottarakara. It was not quite satisfactory in Thiruvalla.

(*b*) The taluks adversely affected are Thovala, Agasteeswaram, Nedumangad, Trivandrum, Chirayinkil, portions of Neyyattinkara, Quilon, Kunnathur, Shertala and Karunagapalli.

Opening of a public cattle market at Kumbuzha.

36. **MR. V. I. IDICULA**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations from the inhabitants of Kumbuzha pakuthy, Pathanamthitta taluk for the opening of a public cattle market as well as a public vegetable market at Kumbuzha?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes.

Paddy lands lying fallow.

37. **MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR** (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of paddy lands lying fallow or uncultivated in the State at present; and

(*b*) whether they have made any inquiry into the reasons for allowing paddy fields to be idle at this juncture?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) 23909 acres and 63 cents.

(*b*) Yes.

Road from Chetti Baghom (Verapuzha) to Eloor.

38. **MR. P. O. THOMAS**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Verapuzha about the urgent necessity of opening a road from Chetti Baghom (Verapuzha) to Eloor through Mannanthuruthu to facilitate the access of the labourers to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps for the construction of the same?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under investigation.

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